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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): Ferree

Docket No.

BAF-14802/29

Application No. 10/657,914	Filing Date 09/09/2003	Examiner P. Prebilic	Customer No. 25006	Group Art Unit 3738	Confirmation No. 5106
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Invention: BIODESORABLE COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR SPINAL ARTHROPLASTY

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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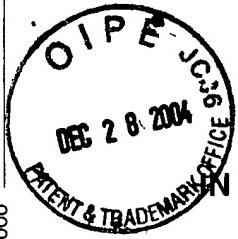
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For: BIORESORBABLE COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR SPINAL ARTHROPLASTY

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: